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SUBJECT: ENERGY: IMPACT OF ENERGY CRISIS ON AFGHANISTAN

1. DURING CALL ON PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER, MOHAMMAD NAIM, FEBRUARY 13, WITH DEPARTING DCM LEWIS, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN AT SOME LENGTH BACKGROUND OF WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, U.S. ATTITUDES TOWARD FUTURE SCENARIO FOR DEALING WITH PROBLEM AND U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD ARAB OIL EMBARGO. I GAVE HIM COPIES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS TO HARVARD-YALE-PRINCETON CLUBS AND TO CONFERENCE ITSELF. NAIM QUIZZED ME AT LENGTH ABOUT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FRENCH POSITION, STATING WITH SYMPATHY HIS UNDERSTANDING OF EUROPEAN DESIRE TO PROTECT THEIR OIL SUPPLIES, CONFIDENTIAL
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AND EXPRESSED ELOQUENTLY VARIOUS CONCERNS OF YFNON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TOWARD IMPLIED THREATS OF MILITARY ACTION BY THE

CONSUMING COUNTRIES, EXEMPLIFIED IN RECENT REMARKS OF DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND ARTICLES IN LONDON ECONOMIST.

2. IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM DISCUSSION WITH NAIM AND COMMENTS BY DEPFONMIN WAHID ABDULLAH, WHO ALSO PRESENT, THAT GOA NOW ACUTELY AWARE POTENTIAL IMPACT ON AFGHAN FINANCIAL POSITION OF ENERGY CRISIS. ABDULLAH VOLUNTEERED THAT JUST TWO DAYS AGO IRANIANS HAD RAISED PRICE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SOLD TO AFGHANISTAN, CONTRARY TO AFGHAN EXPECTATIONS AFTER ABDULLAH'S RECENT VISIT TO TEHRAN. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT PAKISTAN RAILWAY SYSTEM HAD JUST INCREASED FREIGHT RATES BY FIFTY PERCENT WHICH WOULD, OF COURSE, SEVERELY AFFECT COSTS OF ALL PRODUCTS IMPORTED THROUGH PAKISTAN FOR AFGHAN ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS PRIVATE SECTORS. (IN THIS CONNECTION, GOA HAS DECIDED IT MUST CONSERVE ALL POSSIBLE STOCKS OF AVIATION FUEL AND HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT

TRANSITING KANDAHAR AIRPORT ENROUTE TO EUROPE FROM FAR EAST WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO REFUEL IN AFGHANISTAN.)
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